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SUBJECT: GOG DEPORTS ITALIAN "NEO-FASCISTS"

1. MINISTER OF PUBLIC ORDER ANNOUNCED JANUARY 14 THAT ITALIAN CITIZENS ELIO MASSAGRANDE AND CLAUDIO BITZARI WERE UNDER SURVEILLANCE FOR SEVERAL MONTHS AND THAT MEASURES HAD BEEN TAKEN FOR THEIR EXTRADITION. PRESS REPORTS INDICATED DEPORTEES BELONG TO NEO-FASCIST ORGANIZATION "NUOVO ORDINE" WHOSE AIM IS TO DESTROY GREEK DEMOCRACY. KATHIMERINI CORRESPONDENT AFTER INTERVIEW WITH MASSAGRANDE WHO WAS LATER ARRESTED REPORTED THAT LATTER DENIED RECEIVING FUNDS FROM CIA, AS WELL AS ALLEGATIONS THAT NUOVO ORDINE HAD TIES WITH LEADERS OF FORMER MILITARY REGIME. ATHENS WEEKLY WROTE THAT NUOVO ORDINE HAD BEEN OPERATING IN GREECE SEVERAL YEARS AND THAT BOTH DEPORTEES WERE WANTED BY ITALIAN POLICE.

2. NEWS ACCOUNTS ALSO MENTIONED THAT NUOVO ORDINE MEMBERS PAINTED SLOGANS ON PUBLIC WALLS IN THESSALONIKI AND ATHENS AND PLANNED TO ESTABLISH PARACHUTIST SCHOOL IN PELOPONNESOS. AKROPOLIS DECLARED THAT ANY GREEKS WHO COLLABORATED WITH ITALIAN NEO-FASCISTS SHOULD BE PUNISHED SEVERELY.

3. LEGAL GROUNDS FOR DEPORTATION BY MINISTRY OF PUBLIC ORDER ARE NOT MADE EXPLICIT. FURTHER INVESTIGATION ORDERED BY
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MINISTER GHIKAS IS EXPECTED TO REVEAL ADDITIONAL ASPECTS OF CASE INCLUDING POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT OF GREEK CITIZENS

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